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FROM NEGATIVE REACTION IN THE UNITED STATES. []
[] SAID THAT RECENT EDITIONS OF REFERENCE
~~MATERIALS~~
[] HAVE CONTACTED MANY ARTICLES FROM U.S. MEDIA
CRITICAL OF THE SCOWORTH VISIT.

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 TAGS: PREL, OYIP (SCOWCROFT, BRENT), CH, US
 SUBJECT: CHINESE OFFICIALS AND LOCAL CONTACTS UPBEAT
 -- ON RESULTS OF VISIT BY NATIONAL SECURITY
 -- ADVISOR SCOWCROFT AND DEPUTY SECRETARY
 -- EAGLEBURGER

1. CONFIDENTIAL -- ENTIRE TEXT.

2. IN MEETINGS THIS WEEK WITH OFFICIAL AND NON-OFFICIAL CHINESE CONTACTS, EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE HEARD OVERWHELMINGLY POSITIVE REACTIONS TO LAST WEEKEND'S VISIT BY NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR SCOWCROFT AND DEPUTY SECRETARY EAGLEBURGER. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AT THE MFA, OTHER MINISTRIES, THINK TANKS, AND EVEN LOCAL MERCHANTS HAVE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS VISIT FOR BEGINNING THE RESTORATION OF SINO-U.S. RELATIONS.

3. REACTIONS BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS: INDICATIVE OF THE POSITIVE FEELING BY CHINESE OFFICIALS WERE COMMENTS MADE BY MIDDLE-LEVEL OFFICIALS DECEMBER 13 AND 14 AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY DURING SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS ON SUBJECTS OTHER THAN SINO-U.S. RELATIONS. ALL MENTIONED THE TRIP AS A VERY IMPORTANT FIRST STEP BY THE PRESIDENT AND TOGETHER TO ASSURE THROFFS THAT CHINESE WOULD BE A PARTNER IN THE CHINESE SIDE IN A MEETING THIS WEEK. [REDACTED] OPENED TALKS WITH ECON MINCMOS BY SAYING, "NOW THAT RELATIONS ARE BACK ON TRACK. . ." AN OFFICIAL

TOLD ECKHOFF ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, THAT "ALL OF US WERE HAVE BEEN WATCHING THE TELEVISION OVER THE WEEKEND AND ARE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THIS DEVELOPMENT."

4. THINK TANK EXPERTS PRAISE VISIT; [REDACTED]
EASTERN EUROPEAN SPECIALISTS AT THE CHINESE ACADEMY OF
[REDACTED] EXPRESSED THEIR DEEP PLEASURE
ABOUT THE VISIT AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR IMPROVED
SINO-U.S. RELATIONS. THEY SAID THE U.S. HAD CLEARLY
MADE THE FIRST MOVE, AND NOW CHINA MUST MAKE AN
APPROPRIATE RESPONSE. [REDACTED] ACKNOWLEDGED
THE POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES FOR PRESIDENT BUSH RESULTING

3. MORE [] REACTION: ASKED HOW THE CHINESE "MAN IN THE STREET" VIEWS THE VISIT, THEY SAID THAT, WITH VERY FEW EXCEPTIONS, CHINESE WHO CARE ABOUT THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP WOULD BE HAPPY TO SEE RELATIONS MOVE BACK TOWARDS NORMALIZATION. [] WENT ON TO SAY THAT, ALTHOUGH MANY CHINESE MAY BE UNHAPPY WITH THE JUNE 3-4 CRACKDOWN, ITS AFTERMATH, AND THE CURRENT REGIME'S POLICIES, THERE EXISTS A DEEP TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES. MORE SIGNIFICANTLY, THEY SAID, MANY-CHINESE PEOPLE RECOGNIZE THAT IMPROVED SINO-U.S. RELATIONS MEAN MORE INTELLECTUAL EXCHANGES AND ECONOMIC-COMMERCIAL TIES. ~~U.S. POLICY SHOULD BE BASED ON THE FACTS THAT THE CHINESE PEOPLE ARE NOT INTERESTED IN A POLICY OF ISOLATION AND RESTRICTIONS. THEY WOULD RECIPE DESPERATELY-NEEDED SUPPORT FROM ABROAD.~~ [] SAID THEY BELIEVE MOST CHINESE KNOW THAT CLOSE RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. CAN ONLY RESULT IN FURTHER REFORMS AT HOME AND A BETTER ECONOMIC SITUATION FOR EVERYONE, NOTWITHSTANDING ATTEMPTS FROM WITHIN TO BLOCK REFORMS.

6. PRIVATE REACTION : MERCHANTS ON A BUSY DOWNTOWN THOROUGHFARE COMMENTED POSITIVELY ON THE VISIT DURING A CHAT WITH ENBOFFS EARLY THIS WEEK. ONE SAID, "RELATIONS BETWEEN US ARE GOOD NOW, RIGHT?"

7. A COMMENT FROM THE PROVINCES:

JOE SCIENCE MINGOONS ON DECEMBER 9 THAT HE WAS "VERY GLAD" TO HEAR OF THE VISIT, WHICH IS AN "AUSPICIOUS STEP" IN RELATIONS BETWEEN CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES.

8. EMBASSY OPERATIONS: SOME EMBASSY OPERATIONS HAVE ALSO BEEN EFFECTED POSITIVELY BY THE VISIT. THE EEC-113 SECTION REPORTS THAT REVENUE DIFFICULTIES IN SETTING APPOINTMENTS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICERS HAVE PASSED THIS WEEK. MOREOVER, THE SECTION'S TOP INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM TOP CANDIDATE, WHO EARLIER INFORMED US HE WOULD BE UNABLE TO TRAVEL THIS YEAR, TOLD ECON MINICONS ON DECEMBER 13 HE WOULD WANT TO TRAVEL TO THE U.S. AS PROPOSED.

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